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WILL GO TO LEGISLATURE

Committee Visits Collector Pratt.

Legal Advice Asked as to Right to Compel Return.

Another Meeting of the Merchants Association May Be Held Saturday.

Legal advice has been asked by the committee from the Merchants' Association as to whether corporations are required to fill out Schedule "I," giving details of their business to the tax assessor. The committee, Messrs. Diamond, Soper and Helm, visited the tax office yesterday in carrying out the resolution adopted at Wednesday's meeting. Col. Soper offered his tax schedules to the assessor, omitting Schedule "I" and a request was made by the assessor for that information also. Mr. Soper asked for further time, and then the committee agreed to consult counsel as to what action should be taken, and as to whether they are compelled under the law to make the return. The committee found that there is no basis for the charge of discrimination made against the assessor, and Mr. Pratt has begun an examination of his records to ascertain the few firms which have made returns without filling Schedule "I."

The schedule which has been the source of so much trouble contains at its head the section of the law upon which the information is demanded, and is in the following form:

SCHEDULE "I."

"If any of the property by this Act directed to be returned shall consist of real and personal property, or several classes or kinds or parcels of real or personal property, respectively, which are combined and made the basis of an enterprise for profit, the person making the return shall give a detailed description of such property and state the aggregate value thereof, taking into consideration the net profits made by the same, also the gross receipts and actual running expenses, and where it is a company, being a corporation whose stock is quoted in the market, the market price thereof, as well as all other facts and considerations which reasonably and fairly bear upon such valuation. He shall state what, if any, the net profits as well as the gross proceeds and actual running expenses of such enterprise have been during the twelve months next preceding; and if known, what sale or sales of stock or other interests in such enterprise have taken place during the twelve months next preceding, giving the name of the person selling, the person buying, the number of shares or proportion of interest sold upon each sale; and, when known, the purchase price thereof." Sec. 871, Chap. 59, Civil Laws. Information required in estimating aggregate value combined property which is the basis of Business Enterprise for Profit, required by Section 68, Session Laws 1896.

Statement of Person Making the Return.	Am't.
Amount Gross Receipts for year to December 31, 1900.....	
Bal. of Crop or Product of 1900, not sold—Tons or Amount.....	
(Estimated Value).....	
Total Actual Running Expenses for year to December 31, 1900.....	
Amount Net Profits for year to December 31, 1900.....	
Amount of Bonded Indebtedness on January 1, 1900.....	
Market Price of Bonds on January 1, 1900.....	
Number Shares Paid-up Stock on January 1, 1900.....	
Market Price per Share Paid-up Stock on January 1, 1900.....	
Number Shares Assessable Stock on January 1, 1900.....	
Market Price per Share Assessable Stock on January 1, 1900.....	

"The committee visited the tax office this morning," said Mr. Helm, one of the members yesterday. "and Col. Soper presented his return which was not accepted, because it did not contain 'Schedule I.' Assessor Pratt told the committee that he was under the impression that the return must be filed, or failing that the taxpayer could not appeal. He explained also that the law had been in force since 1896 and the information had been given by many firms. He said further that there was no discrimination and that the tax office was not asking any more than the law required. The explanation was

perfectly satisfactory as far as it went, and if it is the law, the assessor has no other course. Consequently it was decided by the committee to put the matter into the hands of legal counsel for an opinion, as to whether we are required to make the return, and whether if we refuse it will jeopardize our right of appeal. The committee is in a hurry to complete its work in order that the matter may be presented to the legislature next month, if it turns out that we are compelled to fill out the schedule, under the present law. For that reason we have requested that the opinion be given us before Saturday so that a meeting may be held on the afternoon of that day to discuss what further action shall be taken.

"The principal objection to the schedule is that it makes public all our business and makes the tax not on property but on the basis of profits."

Collector Pratt stated that the law had been in force since 1896 and had been since construed by the Supreme Court, and that the schedules had been filled out by various corporations. This year schedules had been sent around, and left by the collectors unless they were refused. The law was to the effect that such a return must be made and he had simply made such a request

for such information as was called for under the statute. A year ago May & Co. appealed and claimed that no schedule had been given them, which is the reason for distributing the blanks so freely this year.

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Those who have occasion to drive out towards Moanalua have recently noticed somebody's sign in white painted letters on several of the boulders bordering on the roadway. As the perpetrators of the Punchbowl effort, two years ago, were traced and made to obliterate their sign, it is believed that the same course will be taken with the people responsible for the signs beyond Kailua.

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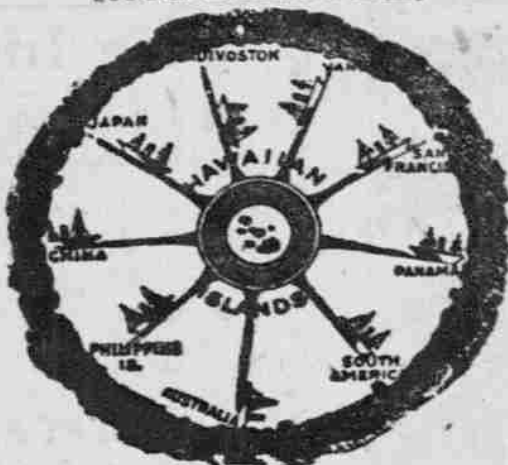
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